



February 18, 2010
Joint Committee on General Law
Room 3500
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Subject: **REPEAL interior design title law**

Honorable Members of the Committee:

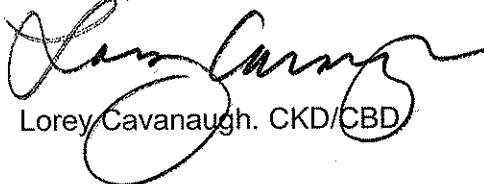
My name is Lorey Cavanaugh; I live in Unionville and work in West Hartford. I wish to voice my **strong opposition** to HB 1538. Not only do I ask that this amendment be removed from this bill, but more importantly, I am asking you to **REPEAL** the interior design title law and remove it completely from the books.

Simply put, there is absolutely no legitimate reason to sustain such a law in our state:

- There is **NO public outcry** from consumers indicating that they are confused about interior design services, or that they desire to have the State's assistance in determining what level of interior designer they need to fit their project.
- This law is a misuse of precious government resources as it duplicates the certification already available privately. We have a **\$3,000,000,000 deficit** in Connecticut and not a penny to waste on a frivolous law whose only benefit is to pump up the egos of a very small handful of the design community!
- In this difficult economy, the state should not maintain laws that make it more difficult for its citizens to **earn a living** where threat to the public is absent.
- This law would perpetrate a **fraud on the consumers** who would be led to believe that all "registered interior designers" have certain qualifications, when in fact, only 25% actually do.
- Interior design regulation disproportionately **discriminates** against minorities and older, mid-career switchers.

This law provides no public benefit, but instead negatively impacts both designers and consumers alike. PLEASE **REPEAL THE INTERIOR DESIGN TITLE ACT**.

Sincerely,



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